

*SUMMARY***THE BUST OF PROBUS WITH A PARMA SHIELD  
ON SISAČKIM ANTONINIANI**

The authors deal with issues of the Siscia mint during the reign of Emperor Probus, which have an unusual small round shield on the obverse. They compare material of the Siscia mint with that of other mints (Ticinum, Serdica and Cyzicus). The small round shield depicted on these rare antoniniani is a Roman *parma* (*parmula*), a shield gladiators and Roman soldiers used for close combat, and in later Antiquity the Roman cavalry as well. The parma shield rarely appears on coins, always in very small series. Only five obverse legends exist for the Siscia mint: CONCORDIA MILIT, SOLI INVICTO, CLEMENTIA TEMP, CONCORDIA AVG and SALVS AVG. The Ticinum and Serdica mints also produced rare emissions in gold. Obverse depictions with the parma shield are exclusively associated with the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> emissions of Siscia (277-280 B.C.), most of the specimens belong to the 7<sup>th</sup> *officina*, while other *officinae* marks are much rarer.